

SOCIETY

ALL plans are Christmas plans, and all parties house parties, for the next ten days.

There are few, almost no formulated plans for this week, but there will be untold liveliness among the younger set, consequent upon the large number of West Point and Annapolis cadets in town, as well as Cornell, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton boys, all prime favorites here, and all in for a lively time.

Senor Alfredo Alvarez Calderon, son of the Peruvian minister, has successfully completed arrangements for the Cornell students' concert Wednesday evening in the ballroom at the New Willard, to the exclusion of all other social events, except dinners given for those who will later go to hear the music. The ball, which was such a delightful feature of last year's visit, will be omitted this year, the boys simply being entertained privately by their friends.

It looks very much as though West Point cadets were the winners in the social race this Christmas, for there are enough plans for every day and evening during their holiday to keep them busy twice over.

General and Mrs. Chaffee have as their guests their son, Adna R. Chaffee, Jr., and two other West Point cadets, James Riley and J. M. Wainwright. They were entertained at luncheon yesterday at General Chaffee's residence, were given a box party last night to see "Mother Goose," and later had supper at the home of Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter.

Today they will be entertained, with a large number of other visiting cadets, at the home of Major and Mrs. Hall, at Fort Myer, and General and Mrs. Chaffee will entertain a dinner party for them tonight. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will be the only male guest present outside of the army ranks.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Lloyd Magruder have as their guests their son, L. Barnes Magruder, and two of his West Point friends, Cadet Doe, captain of the West Point football team, and Mr. Hammond, one of the Academy's best all-round athletes.

Miss Anita Poor will entertain the cadets, several of them, and some girls to dinner tomorrow night, after which they will occupy boxes at the theater as the guests of Miss Magruder, and will later enjoy supper at her residence.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Leiter and the Earl of Suffolk, which takes place tomorrow, is an affair of international interest, and the great regret is that mourning will prevent all of her Washington friends witnessing the ceremony. Mrs. Leiter will keep her house open here, ready to receive the family at any time, and except for short visits to her children, will live and die in Washington.

All the ladies who receive New Year Day now have their parties of assistants about complete, and those who will assist Mrs. Roosevelt in the Blue Room on that day and later remain to breakfast or luncheon in the private dining-room have been asked. It has been decided that all the women will wear white or very light gowns at the first reception, with perhaps only one or two exceptions. Fear is felt lest Count Cassini, dean of the corps, will not be able to greet the President and lead the way for the other diplomats, but at present he is in excellent shape physically.

There will be a long line of new diplomats to greet the President and the ladies of the Cabinet New Year Day, and Mrs. Hay will greet several strangers. Mrs. Hauge, Mrs. Van Swinderen, and several other American women will attend the breakfast for the first time.

White House

President and Mrs. Roosevelt now have all of their family with them at the White House, and though there are no house guests outside the family circle, the gayest Christmas the old dwelling ever covered is in progress.

Unless all signs fail, as they did when Archibald played them a trick last year, there will be no tree today. This morning there was laid out on the various tables and desks in the library, a magnificent collection of gifts, ranging in interest and value from the beautiful things brought to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, by the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft from the Philippines, similarly handsome gifts from General and Mrs. Chaffee, to the simple and altogether childish things made and contributed by the children.

The women of the Cabinet family no longer pool their finances for a large gift to Mrs. Roosevelt but this year as last, have each brought her a separate gift, none of them knowing what the other has given.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt exchange gifts each year, often of no material value greater than the cost of a book, but since coming to the White House the President has each year given her a jewel of some kind or a piece of gold or silver, and observed the same custom this year.

The Roosevelt children, from Miss Roosevelt down to Quentin, the youngest, have exchanged gifts, the greatest possible secrecy having been observed. Mrs. Roosevelt and the President were made acquainted with the gifts they might put them all together in the library. There are cousins innumerable in the family all on the closest terms of intimacy with the President's children, and they have all exchanged gifts.

There are more children in the Cabinet family, too, this year, to help make things lively, and the three younger things, Elizabeth, eleven years old, and two sons, have for days past been making secret journeys to and from the White House. There are two younger children in the family of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wynne, and these, with the Tafts, the Cornelious, and the James R. Garfield children, have raised a merry bout at the White House for some time past, and will continue it on a milder scale tomorrow.

All the presents, even those for the servants at the White House, are disposed of in the library, this morning the President and Mrs. Roosevelt called everyone in for the grand distribution. There will be only a family party at dinner tonight, the real Christmas dinner with the biggest turkey being reserved for tomorrow night, when greater hilarity will obtain.

Even for this event, however, there will be no guests, outside of the relatives of the family. Today, either after luncheon or before, the entire family will, as usual, repair to the home of Captain and Mrs. Cowles, where a beautiful Christmas tree has been decorated. All of the President's children have carried presents to the Cowles home to adorn this tree, and have taken as much interest in it as has Sheffield Cowles, the small nephew of the President. During Christmas week there will be only impromptu entertainments, with informal visits from relatives and friends, and for a full week the White House will be abandoned to family entertainments.

Cabinet Circle

There will be but little hilarity in the Cabinet family today over Christmas, and the houses where the greatest fun and cheer obtain are those of the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General.

The only Christmas tree in the Cabinet family is at the home of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wynne, where the custom of unveiling a Christmas tree has obtained ever since they were married, over twenty years ago. They were so enthusiastic over the matter that they arose as usual at 5 o'clock to greet Santa Claus.

On this tree are not only remembrances placed each year for the members of the family, but the cheer has reached out into dark spots about the town, where Santa Claus would not have gotten in had not the Wynnes opened the door. They know the town, and they know the poor and distressed, and Mrs. Wynne never turned any one away in want in her life. They—the Wynnes—are having a jolly good Christmas this morning.

There were some little stockings hung up at the home of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay's house last night, and some rich cheer poured in for their grand babies. Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney are there, and Mrs. James Whitworth came home for the holidays, and Clarence Hay came from Harvard.

At Secretary Shaw's a genuine star of Bethlehem gleams from a prominent place on the first floor of the residence, where all may see it who enter, and it is lighted with electric lights from Christmas Eve to the end of New Year day. Miss Emma Shaw, the only absent member of the family, has returned, and will spend her holidays from school with her parents. They will have a quiet family dinner at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Shaw today with only two or three additional guests.

While there is no tree at Secretary Taft's home, there was a general stocking hanging last night, and the good old custom of filling them to overflowing obtained. The things too large for the stockings were disposed of on tables. The elder son of Secretary and Mrs. Taft, Robert, came on from his school, to spend his holiday, and besides the three younger children, Elizabeth, Helen, and Charles, there are two young Philip boys to enjoy the cheer. They are the sons of Dr. Tavera, of Manila, who are getting acquainted with American ways.

Of course there will be much fun and frolic at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Morton today, for where Miss Pauline Morton abides there is always cheerfulness. They will have a family dinner tonight with a few additional guests.

Secretary and Mrs. Hitchcock will as usual spend the day quietly, having tonight a few additional guests besides the family.

Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf are also without small children in their family and will spend a quiet day, either dining alone or with friends.

Miss Flora Wilson being absent, her father, Secretary Wilson, will spend the day quietly and will have about him a few of his intimate Iowa friends.

Attorney General Moody might dine in fifty different places tonight if he so chose, for he is a bachelor, but he could not have a Christmas tree or hang up his stockings without being ludicrous, so



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Diplomatic Corps

Christmas in the Diplomatic Corps began yesterday, when the Cuban minister and Senora Quesada entertained at the unveiling of their Christmas tree, with their eldest daughter, Aurora Quesada, as assistant.

The ballroom was decorated like a fairy palace of snow and Christmas greens, with red ribbons and red berries. The big tree held souvenir gifts for every one invited, and a spectacular feature was a big Christmas pie, in one corner of the room, from which "Four and Twenty Black Birds" flew into the room. There was dancing and nice things to eat, all heartily enjoyed by a large number of diplomatic children, with a few from society parents outside.

Among the little guests of Senora Aurora Quesada, the eleven-year-old daughter of the house, and Gonzalo, her little brother, were: Angelina de Quesada, a cousin from Cuba; Eleanor Lemley, Eleanor Reyburn, Marguerite Barber, Margaret Perrine, Louise Helene May Helene, Hamilton Warder, Blanca Walker-Martinez, daughter of the Chilean minister; Cora and Frank Kim, Margaret Draper, Katharine McClintock, Margaret Lewis, Charlotte Pettus, Domingo Obaldia, son of the minister from Panama; the seven children of Senor and Senora Rivero, the former secretary of the Cuban legation, and Raul Gamboa.

There were pink and white roses and carnations wherever there were no Christmas greens and scarlet berries, and the event was voted by all the little diplomats to be the very best introduction possible for the Christmas time.

The Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller and the Chinese minister are almost the only diplomatic hosts at Christmas trees today. Most of the other diplomats celebrating the day in some other manner. The dean of the corps, Count Cassini, hopes to have his daughter restored to health sufficiently to celebrate the Russian Christmas, which comes January 6. The countess always has a Christmas tree.

The Siamese minister is somewhat behind our country also, having no Christmas at all, and the New Year in April. They are Buddhists at the Siamese legation.

The Costa Ricans celebrate with us, and the minister and Mme. Calvo will have instead of a Christmas tree, a

Weddings.

A large and beautiful wedding of interest to the friends of the principals in this city was solemnized in Greenville, Mississippi, on Tuesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, when Miss Harriet Louise Dabney became the bride of William Wilbur Keblinger.

The bride, who is a petite blonde, was beautifully attired in an imported gown of rennaissance lace and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was a handsome diamond crown, the gift of the groom.

The bride had as her matron of honor her sister, Mrs. Julian H. Fort, who was gowned in panne crepe and real lace. Mr. Keblinger was attended by Julian H. Fort as his best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Lola Belle Finlay, Miss Sarah Stone Walker, Miss Mary Amanda Smith and Miss Belle Barclay, who wore similar gowns of liberty silk.

The groomsmen were John Dabney, Samuel D. Finlay, Ed. Will Engle Negus and Camp Wheeler, while the ushers were Irwin Cowie, Herbert Eustes, Frank Ryker and Lawrence Murphy.

The church was decorated with chrysanthemums and holly. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of Dr. James S. Walker, after which Mr. and Mrs. Keblinger left town for a trip through Texas and Mexico, and will be at home after January 15 at 1229 Harvard Street. The bride's going away gown was a garnet suit with hat to match.

Mr. Keblinger is a well-known young business man of Washington, being secretary of the International Boundary Commission and connected with various other enterprises of this city.

The marriage of Miss Miriam Bangs and Walter E. Hunter will take place Wednesday, January 18, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Bangs, on Massachusetts Avenue.

The engagement is announced of Miss Harriet Sigourney Eustes and Clarence A. Burt, of Springfield, Mass. Miss Eustes has resigned her position as assistant librarian of the Public Library and gone to her home in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Titcomb, of 2237 O Street northwest, announce the mar-

riage of their niece, Miss Ethel Irving Ashby, to S. Sidney Breeze Stevens, on Friday, December 23, by the Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, of St. Margaret's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left at once for an extended trip through Southern California and thence to San Francisco, where they will join Burton Holmes. Mr. Stevens is the treasurer of the Burton Holmes Lecture Company.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bryan will be married during the holidays to George Young, of New York. They will leave immediately for Maine. No cards.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Miriam Behrend, of Fifth Street, to Phil May, of Charleston, W. Va.; the wedding will take place January 5 at Rauscher's. Although a family affair, there will be between seventy or eighty people present.

Mrs. Marx Kaufman announces the betrothal of her daughter, Miss Josephine, to Elliot Strouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Strouse, of Baltimore. Mrs. Marx Kaufman, Mrs. Harry M. Kaufman, and Miss Kaufman will be at home to their friends Thursdays in January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of 1736 F Street, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary Tuesday evening when they received the congratulations of a number of friends.

The table from which refreshments were served had as a centerpiece a large bowl of carnations and palms and other plants were used in decorating both the parlor and dining room. They received a number of beautiful gifts.

Personal Gossip

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, was able to preside as host at the embassy yesterday afternoon, when the piano donated by Droop & Sons to the Countess Cassini, last spring, to be raffled for the benefit of the Russian Red Cross, was finally disposed of.

The instrument was a valuable one, and it is just recently that a sufficient number of tickets were sold to warrant closing the affair. All the members of the embassy staff were present. Countess Cassini alone being absent, confined to her bed still from her recent ptomaine poisoning. A number of other prominent people were at the embassy also, and greeted with applause the winner of the instrument, Mr. Kasper, a musician of Washington.

Mme. des Portes, wife of the counselor of the French embassy, received yesterday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 7, having with her her young

daughter, Mlle. des Portes. The former wore a French gown of white broadcloth, and Mlle. des Portes wore a gown of white pompadour silk.

Miss Roosevelt and all of the girls of the Diplomatic Corps, with this year's debuts from resident society, called, as did the young men of the corps and society generally. After being received the young people danced.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean entertained last night at a dinner and dance.

The Chinese minister's dinner party last week was a beautiful affair, and he paid a compliment to the artistic taste of his country in trying to keep an Oriental air about everything. Mrs. John W. Foster, who, with her husband, was one of the guests, received the other members of the company with the minister, and saw them out at their departure.

The table was made attractive by a long pink satin scarf down the center, embroidered in big white chrysanthemums, and a tiny border of green down either side of the strip. The centerpiece was a big Chinese bowl filled with carnations, and candles under pink pagoda shaped shades were at the ends of the table.

When, after dinner, the men repaired to the smoking room, little Miss Liang, the seventeen-year-old daughter of the minister, who was not at the table, was escorted to the drawing-room by Mrs. Foster, and remained until a signal was given for the return of the men of the party. It is thus that this charming Chinese girl will see the world, just a little now and then, but will probably never make a formal debut in America.

Senator Ankeny and his daughter, of Washington, and their daughter, have apartments at the Highlands. They are entertaining several friends. They will go to Annapolis and West Point for a brief visit during the holidays.

Miss India Bell Fleming has asked her friends for a 5 o'clock tea Friday next to meet Miss Helen Chaffee, who, like her young hostess and the other girl friends invited, is not yet "out," but belongs to a charming contingent in whose favor so many of the holiday preparations are planned.

Mrs. Henry Kirke Porter and Miss Hegeman have cards out for Tuesday afternoons, January 3, 10, and 17, 3 to 6.

Senator William A. Clark, who sailed last Saturday for Europe, is expected back in this country within three weeks, and will be accompanied by his wife and young daughter, who will come to this country with him.

In consequence of the sudden death last night of Mrs. Green, mother of Mrs. Bateman, the latter has been

obliged to recall her invitations to a dance at Rauscher's for Monday, December 26.

Mrs. John Dazell is expecting as guests for the holidays Miss Sarah Dazell and Miss Lucy Smith, of Cleveland, who will be among her house guests.

Mrs. William S. Cowles has arrived at her N Street residence for the holidays.

Mrs. Ella V. Duvall left yesterday for Hagerstown, Md., to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother, George T. Slyer.

H. A. Arth, of the United Ice and Coal Company, Harrisburg, Pa., wife, and daughter Edna, an accomplished musician, are spending the holidays as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. F. Thomas, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hoblitzell have left the city to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Howard county, Md.

Woman Opposed To Mr. Chamberlain

London, Dec. 19.—No one takes a keener interest in the fiscal controversy started by Joseph Chamberlain than Mrs. Cobden Unwin. She is the wife of the well-known London publisher, T. Fisher Unwin, and a daughter of Richard Cobden, the great apostle of free trade, who did vastly more than any other one man to bring about the repeal of the corn laws in 1846. As the daughter of such a man she is naturally strongly opposed to Mr. Chamberlain's propaganda for the taxation of food products and a modified form of protection. Nor is she content with being a passive opponent of the Birmingham statesman's policy. In the recent parliamentary contest at Hordsham, an electoral district in which Cobden was born and long resided, she actively espoused the cause of the Liberal candidate, L. R. Erskine, against Viscount Turnour, who represented the Conservative party plus the Chamberlain policy.

Got Out Old Men.

Mrs. Cobden Unwin particularly busied herself in bringing to the old men who still retained vivid recollections of the hunger and hardships they endured before Cobden won his free trade fight. She got them to tell their stories of those gloomy times, and cited them before audiences as living witnesses of the evils that might again be wrought by a return to a policy of protection.

Lord Tournour was elected, but as his majority in a Conservative stronghold was 700 less than the successful Conservative candidate had received in the last election, in which the representation had been contested, Mrs. Unwin regarded it as a vindication of Cobden's rather than a victory for a revival of the policy which he so strenuously fought.

To a work just published, entitled "The Hungry Forties," which gives the personal experiences of living survivors of that period of stifled revolt and semi-starvation, Mrs. Unwin has contributed an interesting introduction chapter. It consists in the main of interviews obtained by Mrs. Unwin with old residents of the neighborhood, in which Mr. Cobden lived. Here are some sample extracts from one of them.

It is David Miles, an ancient laborer of the village of Heychoth who is talking, and no doubt an American Protectionist will be able to discount what he says to their own satisfaction. Says David:

"Ay, I recollect the early forties afore the Corn Laws were repealed. 'Taters was what folks lived on then, an' the Tories ud' ave it that a red 'errin an' a tater wor good enuff for any workin' man. When I were just on twelve the 'taters failed, an' never shall I forgit how the folks went a wanderin' about, peerin' at the 'taters, and tryin' to find out what wor wrong w' 'em."

"It wor awful for the low class; many on 'em were starvin'." . . . "Them what cudn't get work 'ud go to the parish or starve. Nowadays there's a many what ain't got no manner o' notion what protection is an' think they'd like to have a taste o' it, but we know 'uns. We knows—lor' bless 'ee! we knows."

Good Old Times.

"Folks call 'em the good old times; that's just their ignorance; I call 'em the bad old times. I do, when a few got fat an' 'ummers starvin'. If Mr. Cobden hadn't got 'em corn laws repealed there'd ave been a reglar civil war in this yer country years ago. . . . A 'ungry belly makes a man desprit. . . . When a man 'ad a large family they were pretty high starvin' mostly; as for meat, as look in at the butcher's shop was all their share o' that. The 'oman ud' cut off the black crusts from the loafs an' put it in 'n' teapot an' pour water on it 'n' inck'd o' tea; it looked pretty much the same color, d'ye see; or else they'd ueg the tea leaves from the big houses."

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